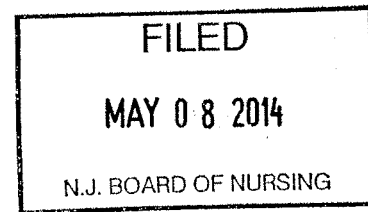


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	Administrative Action
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSEE OF	:	
	:	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
YVONNE RIPORTI-LOMBARDO, R.N.	:	OF LICENSE
LICENSE # NO 08184500	:	
	:	
TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED	:	
NURSE (R.N.) IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating the following:

1. Respondent, Yvonne Riporti-Lombardo, R.N. is the holder of License No. NO 08184500 and is a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey.

2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement with the Board which she signed on or about October 24, 2013. (Exhibit A) The agreement required respondent to enroll in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), undergo

evaluation and monitoring, agree to follow recommendations by RAMP for further treatment, and to refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances. (Exhibit A, ¶¶2, 6, and 10) The agreement was to have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. In the event that the Board received reliable information that respondent had acted in violation of the RAMP contract and/or the agreement, the agreement was no longer to remain confidential.

3. In a communication dated December 13, 2013, Case Manager Wendy Summers of RAMP advised the Board that respondent was noncompliant with her RAMP monitoring requirements. Ms. Riporti-Lombardo began drug screening on November 25, 2013 and tested positive for alcohol. On December 2, 2013 she also tested positive for alcohol. When she was contacted by her case manager, she allegedly commented "drinking is legal," and indicating that she was dropping out of the RAMP program. (Exhibit B)

4. On or about April 21, 2014, a letter issued by overnight and regular mail to respondent at her address of record, advising respondent that the Board had received credible information indicating that she was not in compliance with the private letter agreement, and advising her to forward within five days any proof that she was currently in compliance with

RAMP. UPS tracking indicated that the overnight mailing was delivered on April 22, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. and was signed for. (Exhibit C) No response has been received.

5. A certification from RAMP's director dated May 5, 2014 indicated that Ms. Riporti-Lombardo had tested positive for alcohol on her first two scheduled screenings in November and December of 2013, and had indicated that she intended to drop out of the RAMP program. (Exhibit D)

6. The private letter agreement signed by respondent, which by its terms has the force and effect of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, provided for automatic suspension of respondent's nursing license upon receipt of reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of the private letter agreement. (Exhibit A, ¶13)

7. The private letter agreement required respondent to refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances. (Exhibit A, ¶10) Consequently, respondent is in violation of the terms of the private letter agreement.

Accordingly,

IT IS on this 8th day of May, 2014
HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for her violation of

the terms of the private letter agreement, which is deemed to constitute a violation of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) .

2. Respondent may, under the terms of the private letter agreement, upon notice, request a hearing on the sole issue of whether respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the private letter agreement.

3. In the event that respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey nursing license at any future time, the Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement without respondent's demonstrating that she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the private letter agreement and with any agreement with RAMP, and is fit and competent to practice nursing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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